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Applicant: HOSSAIN, Ashfaque, et al. : Confirmation No.: 5617

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2010, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Response with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination Documents:

Petition for Extension of Time begins on page **2** of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.